

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates

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| June 5 | Book Swap |
| June 9 | Completion Ceremony |
| June 10 | Last Day of School and Olympic Day |

Book Swap

On Thursday, Holmes School will have its first annual Book Swap. The Book Swap is an opportunity for your child to swap books that s/he has already read and get something new to read for the summer. Fifth graders will be swapping books on Thursday afternoon. They can bring in/swap a maximum of 15 books. The Book Swap permission slip went home last week. Check it out for more details on this activity. Please encourage your child to bring in a few books to swap.

Completion Ceremony

The 5th Grade Completion Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 9 in the Multipurpose Room. The ceremony will begin at approximately 8:15 and will be followed by a breakfast in the courtyard. The invitation to the ceremony went out last week. Due to space constraints, we are asking that you limit the number of attendees to 4 per student (not counting your 5th grader). Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate count of how many will attend.

iPads

Last Friday was the last day for students to bring home their iPads. We collected chargers and iPads. If your child still has an iPad or the charger at home, please have your child return it to school.

Free Summer Programs Online

Reading: Newsela.com has current events articles at different reading levels. Newsela has a Free Summer Reading Challenge beginning June 16. Fifth graders should already have Newsela accounts.

Math: TenMarks is promoting its Free Summer Math program designed to strengthen and boost math skills over the summer. For more information, visit

<http://summer.tenmarks.com> and use the following access code: **S14OWH6875**. Don't

forget that students also have logins for Khan Academy (for math) as well as for Moby Max (math and vocabulary).

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Custom Typing from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Custom Typing program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is:

<http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS

Art - [www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com) Through the month of May, 5th graders have artwork on display at the Oak Park Public Library. In our Art room, we are working on developing a six-panel comic strip. The strip is autobiographical and will tell a short story of something memorable that happened to us. We are learning about exaggerations and varying camera shots (wide angled scene setters, head and shoulders crops and close-ups) to give our comics some visual impact and to make them fun to read.

Music - This week we will be working on our completion ceremony song. We have already had auditions for featured ukuleles and drummers. This week auditions for featured singers will be on **Wednesday at 11:45**. Next week we will be doing our assessments (recorder, singing, and written) for the trimester.

Sky Game- 5th Graders and Glee Members who are not in chorus will have a dance rehearsal on **Tuesday and Thursday at 11:45** this week. See the ticket information below.

Chorus - A few announcements/ dates to keep in mind in the weeks to come
Chorus this week is again only for students who are performing at the Chicago Sky Game.

Our performance with the Chicago Sky is Friday 6/6 in the evening. You should have received a ticket order form which should be dropped off in the PTO mailbox. I did want to specify that students will need to have their own ticket (just like we did for the Wolves last year for those who are returning members). If you cannot accompany your child, please write me. If you are able to provide a carpool for a child, please email me as well. The chorus will perform the first song and then we are hoping to get a lot of other Holmes groups involved in the last number, so I am hoping we get a huge Holmes crowd to support us! **Again please email me at akaria@op97.org with any questions.**

Spanish - All classes have been viewing and critiquing the imovies and trailers they have created. The students have done an excellent job of summarizing stories, adding sound effects, and emphasizing dramatic moments in the stories. Ask to view the imovie your child created! They are very fun to watch. <http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com/> .

Library - The narratives for the research project are due this Wednesday, May 7. As a reminder, we are using CultureGrams (provided to us by the OPPL) to research a country. The final piece will be a narrative over an imovie, describing a "day in the life" of a child living in that country. There is an example of the movie and the final narrative on the library page; just click the link below! This project will be completed during library time, so if you have any questions, feel free to email me, mmaneck@op97.org . For more information, the library home page is <http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/> .

Physical Education - (www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)

District Dance Unit Xbox 360 (Just Dance 4) is a rap. The kids loved the activity. Fitness and Conditioning activities are now in full swing. We prepare now for our District 97 Fun Run this Saturday; Lindberg Park; 8am. Looking forward to another grand turn from Holmes.

Resource

Ms. Rose has created a new blog for the families of her Resource students. For more information on her activities, please visit: [Ms. Rose- Resource Support](#)

Reading/Literature

We will finish our novel study of *Alice in Wonderland* this week. Students will extend their learning by working on some interesting projects. These may include writing a news piece as if they are a reporter at the time and place of Alice's adventures, preparing questions and responses as if they are a character on a television talk show, and writing a book review for students to read next year.

Writing

In writing students will be doing end of year reflections.

Math

This week, students will present their Million Dollar projects.

Science

We are using our science time to complete final projects in other subject areas.

Social Studies

In Social Studies students will be researching the U.S. President of their choice. Next, they will create a "Facebook" page for their president. It will outline line the President's personal history, achievements, failures, and life events.

Spelling/Word Study

This will be our final week of Spelling Words. All students will have the same list this week.

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